



President Barack Obama speaks during a joint news conference with Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, Monday, July 27, 2015, at the National Palace in Addis Ababa. Obama is the first sitting U.S. president to visit Ethiopia. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci) Page 4

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US, Turkey plan for 'safe zone' free of IS in northern Syria

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BEIRUT (AP) — Turkey and the United States have agreed on the outlines of a plan to rout the Islamic State group from a strip of Syrian territory along the Turkish border — a plan that opens the possibility of a safe haven for tens of thousands of displaced Syrians but one that also sets up a potential conflict with U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces in the area.

The move further embroils Turkey, a key NATO ally, in Syria's civil war, and also catapults it into a front-line position in the global war against IS.

A senior Obama administration official said Monday that U.S. discussions with Turkey about an IS-free zone focused on a 68-mile stretch still under IS control. The U.S. has been conducting airstrikes there, which will accelerate now that the U.S. can launch strikes from Turkish soil, the official said.

No agreement between Turkey and the U.S. has yet been finalized, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity under regulations.

In Washington, State Department spokesman John Kirby said that any joint military efforts with Turkey would not include the imposition of a no-fly zone. The U.S. has long rejected Turkish and other requests

for a no-fly zone to halt Syrian government air raids, fearing it would draw U.S. forces further into the civil war.

While details of the buffer-

will be created so that they can take control of areas freed from ISIL, air cover will be provided. It would be impossible for them to take control of the area without

gically located Incirlik Air Base.

Turkey has also called a meeting of its NATO allies for Tuesday to discuss threats to its security and

U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters in Syria, who have been the most successful in the war against IS, control most of the 910 kilometers (565 miles) boundary with Turkey, and have warned Ankara against any military intervention in northern Syria. The Islamic State controls roughly a 60-mile stretch of that border, wedged between Turkish-backed insurgents with Islamist ideologies to the left and Kurdish forces from the People's Protection Unit, known as the YPG, to the right.

The Turkish-U.S. plan raises the question of which Syrian rebel forces would be involved in a ground operation against IS. The U.S. has long complained about having no reliable partners among them. Defense Secretary Ash Carter acknowledged earlier this month that the U.S. has only 60 trainees in a program to prepare and arm thousands of moderate Syrian rebels in the fight against IS militants.

The Obama administration official said the U.S.-led coalition was looking to anti-IS forces such as Syrian Kurds and the Free Syrian Army. He did not elaborate Syria's main Kurdish militia — the YPG or the People's Protection Units — is affiliated with the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged a decades-long insurgency in Turkey and maintains bases in remote parts of northern Iraq. □



A police officer checks IDs as Turkish police raid homes in the Haci Bayram neighborhood of the capital Ankara, Turkey, Monday, July 27, 2015. Security forces has detained at least 15 people suspected of links to the Islamic State group, the state-run news agency said. Turkey and the United States have agreed on the outlines of a plan to rout the Islamic State group from a strip of Syrian territory along the Turkish border.

(AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

zone plan have yet to be announced, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said Ankara and Washington have no intention of sending ground troops into Syria but wanted to see Syria's moderate opposition forces replace IS near the Turkish border.

"Moderate forces like the Free Syrian Army will be strengthened, a structure

it," Davutoglu told Turkey's A Haber television. ISIL is an alternate acronym for the Islamic State group.

The discussions came amid a major tactical shift in Turkey's approach to IS. After months of reluctance, Turkish warplanes started striking militant targets in Syria last week, and allowed the U.S. to launch its own strikes from Turkey's strate-

its airstrikes. Davutoglu said "NATO has a duty to protect" Turkey's border with Syria and Iraq, and that Ankara will seek the alliance's support for its actions at the meeting in Brussels.

But a Turkish-driven military campaign to push IS out of territory along the Turkish border is likely to complicate matters on the ground.

Obama slams Republican criticism of Iran deal

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ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — President Barack Obama unleashed a blistering and belittling rebuke of Republican White House hopefuls Monday, calling their attack on his landmark nuclear deal with Iran “ridiculous if it weren’t so sad.”

Standing before television cameras during a trip to Africa, Obama suggested the bellicose rhetoric from some GOP candidates was an attempt to divert attention from Donald Trump, the wealthy businessman-turned presidential contender whose popularity is confounding the Republican field.

“Maybe it gets attention and maybe this is just an effort to push Mr. Trump out of the headlines, but it’s not the kind of leadership that is needed for America right now,” Obama said



GOP presidential candidate former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee speaks at a campaign event in Las Vegas. Huckabee is sticking with his criticism of the Iran nuclear deal, after making comments denouncing President Barack Obama for his role in the agreement reached by the United States and other world powers.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

during a news conference in Ethiopia. Obama’s comments marked his most direct engagement in the race to succeed him. Until now, he’s largely limited his commentary to policy differences with Republicans, often sidestepping the names of specific candidates.

But the president’s unsparing criticism Monday — tar-

geting candidates Mike Huckabee and Ted Cruz, as well as Trump — underscored his sensitivity to efforts to scuttle the Iran accord, which he hopes will be his signature foreign policy initiative. It also raised the prospect of an aggressive role for Obama in the 2016 presidential campaign.

“In 18 months, I’m turning

over the keys,” Obama said. “I want to make sure I’m turning over the keys to somebody who is serious about the serious problems that the country faces and the world faces.”

The president was asked specifically about Huckabee’s assertion that Obama had agreed to a nuclear deal that would “take the Israelis and basically march them to the door of the oven,” a reference to crematoria in Nazi concentration camps during the Holocaust. The Israeli government staunchly opposes the agreement and views an Iranian nuclear program as a threat to its existence.

Obama said the comments from Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor, were part of a broader pattern from Republicans. He also singled out Cruz, the Texas senator, for saying the nuclear deal makes Obama — not Iran — the leading

state sponsor of terrorism.

“These are leaders in the Republican Party,” Obama said, seeming incredulous. He suggested the GOP was breaking longstanding American tradition of not playing “fast and loose” with facts during serious foreign policy debates.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, said she was “offended personally” by Huckabee’s comments. His remarks should be “repudiated by every person of good faith,” she said during a campaign stop in Iowa Monday.

Huckabee dismissed the criticism, arguing that what was “ridiculous and sad” was that Obama wasn’t taking Iran’s threats to destroy Israel seriously.

“I will stand with our ally Israel to prevent the terrorists in Tehran from achieving their own stated goal of another Holocaust,” Huckabee said in a statement. □

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Clinton unveils plan to combat climate change

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Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) —

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton called climate change one of the “most urgent threats of our time” and laid out elements of a sweeping plan Monday that would see every U.S. home powered by renewable energy by 2027. However, she declined to take a position on the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada that is opposed by environmental activists.

Climate change has become a key issue in the Democratic presidential primary, where Clinton is the heavy favorite. Among Clinton's 2016 Democratic opponents, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has been vocal about the need for action to curb climate change and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley released a plan in Iowa several weeks ago that deals not just with consumer energy use, but also industrial and transportation, as he aims to make the U.S.

entirely powered by renewable energy by 2050.

Most of the leading Republican presidential candidates express skepticism or deny that climate change poses an urgent problem. They generally advocate more production of fossil fuels and oppose costly programs to support renewable energy, expressing concern about the cost to the U.S. economy.

In Iowa, which holds the first nominating contest next year, Clinton called for installing 500 million solar panels by 2020 as part of a plan she likened in its ambitions to President John F. Kennedy's effort to put a man on the moon the 1960s. “I know these goals will test our capacities, but I know they are within our reach,” Clinton said after touring a regional bus station in Des Moines, Iowa, that was built using some recycled materials and uses solar panels and rainwater to save energy.

But Clinton again would not be pinned down on the Keystone XL oil pipeline, the \$8 billion project that would



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks about her renewable energy plan, Monday, July 27, 2015, at the Des Moines Area Rapid Transit Central Station in Des Moines, Iowa.

(AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

transport oil from Canada's tar sands to refineries on the Gulf of Mexico. Environmentalists say the project would contribute to global warming by distributing dirty oil. Clinton said she wanted a State Department review started when she was secretary to run its course.

“I put together a thorough, deliberative, evidence-based process to evaluate the environmental impact and other considerations on Keystone,” said Clinton. “I’m confident that the pipeline's impact on global greenhouse gas emissions will be a major factor in that decision, as the presi-

dent has said.” Both Sanders and O'Malley oppose the pipeline. O'Malley's deputy campaign manager, Lis Smith, said in a statement Monday that “every Democrat should follow his lead and take a stand to commit to ending our reliance on fossil fuels.” □

Republican leader doesn't expect Trump third-party candidacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Party chairman Reince Priebus said Monday that he's not worried that billionaire Donald Trump would eventually run for president as an independent.

Trump, the outspoken New York real estate magnate and reality television star, has vilified the Republican establishment in recent weeks by calling out his critics by name, making con-

troversial remarks about immigration and more. Although he is still considered a longshot in the Republican race, he has risen to the top in the polls and some observers have suggested that he might run for president as an independent candidate.

But Priebus dismissed that speculation.

“I don't see that happening,” Priebus said in an interview on NBC. He added

that it is universally felt in party circles that “if (Democratic presidential hopeful) Hillary Clinton is going to get beat, she has to get beat by a Republican.”

Asked about Trump's prospects of running as an independent, Priebus said, “I think you've seen Donald Trump walk that back the last few days.”

Priebus also was asked about Trump's standing at the top of many polls. “I

think he's speaking out to people that are really frustrated with Washington,” the party chairman replied. Priebus said provisions have been made to ensure that the half-dozen Republican aspirants who don't make the cut for the party's first televised debate on Aug. 6 will have an opportunity for a face off on their own on the same day in a debate to precede the 10-person event. Priebus said the par-

ty had too many debates for the 2012 election, adding that “we've taken control of the debates.”

“Every candidate is going to be able to compete on debate night,” he said. Priebus wondered aloud why there hadn't been more discussion among pundits about why the Democratic Party hasn't announced a debate involving Clinton and her rivals. □



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Dead man possibly linked to missing women around US

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CHARLESTON, West Virginia (AP) — A man toting axes, a shovel and bleach when he was killed by a female escort he met online had been stopped, interviewed or investigated by police in as many as 20 states and is being looked into for possible links to unsolved disappearances or slayings of women around the U.S., authorities said Monday.

West Virginia authorities are trying to circulate information to see if Neal Falls, of Oregon, can be linked to any other crimes against U.S. women. Police say Falls was fatally shot July 18 as he attacked and choked the escort in West Virginia, and she grabbed his handgun off the ground and fired it.

Police found axes, knives, handcuffs, a shovel, bleach and other items in Falls' car, raising suspicions this wasn't the first time he had attacked a woman.

"The fact that he was 45

years old, and carrying tools like he was, and committing a crime that was so organized and so violent, it's unlikely that this was his first violent crime," Lt. Steve Cooper, Charleston police chief of detectives, told The Associated Press.

Cooper said Falls had a list of 10 other women in his pocket.

Nine were in West Virginia; one was across the U.S. in San Diego. Similar to the West Virginia woman, whom police are calling Heather, all were escorts active online, he said. They are all still alive, Cooper said.

Heather had a separated shoulder, broken vertebrae, strangulation marks around her throat and other injuries, Cooper said.

So far, no history of major crimes in Falls' record has surfaced. However, police said records do show that authorities in as many as 20 states — from Arizona to Kentucky to Virginia — had some kind of interaction with Falls such as stopping

him, running his vehicle's license plate or checking his federal Social Security number.

Police have said Falls rented a room in a Las Vegas suburb during a time when four prostitutes went missing. Henderson police spokeswoman Michelle French said Monday that they are checking into any possible Falls connection to the May 2005 disappearance of 21-year-old Lindsay Harris.

She was the subject of massive search, and her family from central New York helped comb the desert area where her rental car was last seen some 30 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. The case appeared on an episode of TV's "America's Most Wanted." Leg parts identified as hers through DNA testing were found three years later near Springfield, Illinois, more than 1,600 miles (2,500 kilometers) away.

Cooper said West Virginia police have also been communicating with au-



This undated Oregon driver identification photo released Monday, July 27, 2015, by the Charleston, W. Va., Police Department shows Neal Falls, of Springfield, Ore., killed by a women he attacked on July 18 in Charleston. Police are investigating whether Falls had any connection to cases of suspicious deaths and missing women in other states.

(Oregon DMV/Charleston PD via AP)

thorities in a small southern Ohio city, where four women died in suspicious circumstances and two others are missing. He said there has been no evidence yet placing Falls there, but it's been considered because of the proximity to West Virginia — less than a two-hour drive away.

Cooper said police are

still gathering information on Falls. It appears he was staying in his car, where he kept a pillow and sleeping bag, Cooper said.

"He had no cash, no credit cards," Cooper said. "It's a mystery how he had traveled across the country to us right now. There's something that we haven't discovered yet." □

Man charged in brutal stabbings at church camp

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URBANA, Maryland (AP) — An apparently homeless man fatally stabbed a South Korean missionary and seriously wounded his wife at a church retreat center, authorities said Monday.

Song Su Kim, 30, of Virginia, was charged in Maryland with first- and second-degree murder, first- and second-degree attempted murder and two counts of assault.

Police responded Sunday night to a call reporting the stabbing at the Anna Prayer Mountain Church Retreat Center, a Christian complex set amid wooded hills near the rural community of Urbana, northwest of Washington, D.C., said Sheriff Chuck Jenkins.

Charging documents identified the victims as Chung Hwan Park, 63, and his wife Ae Suk Ko, 58.

Jenkins told a news conference the victims were missionaries from South Korea.

He said the woman had had surgery and was talking to investigators.

"She's conscious, she's alert," the sheriff said, adding that she's expected to survive.

At a hearing Monday afternoon, Kim was ordered held without bail. He appeared in court in handcuffs and leg irons.

Deputy State's Attorney Nanci Hamm said after the hearing that a detective told her the victims were volunteer cooks at the cen-

ter. Kim had called police Saturday to complain about the food at the center, according to Jenkins.

Park was stabbed 13 times and Ko, four times, Hamm said.

Hamm said the victims had arrived at the center in early July.

Jenkins said Kim had been living at the center for five days, brought there by Kim's mother.

Hamm said Kim has an arrest record in Virginia for

a 2012 assault on a family member; a 2006 malicious destruction of property charge; and a drunken driving charge in 2005. Court records list a variety of misdemeanor charges against Kim in the past 10 years in northern Virginia, including assault, drunken driving and possession of marijuana. Many of the charges were ultimately dismissed. The court records list "Korea" as Kim's country of birth. Jenkins said he is a U.S. citizen. □



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As Fed meets, it edges toward its first rate hike since 2006



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System meet in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is getting close to raising interest rates for the first time in nearly a decade, perhaps in September. When it meets this week, though, don't expect any timetable for a rate hike to be spelled out in a post-meeting statement. For now, the Fed wants to keep its options open.

Yet Chair Janet Yellen has left little doubt that the Fed is preparing to raise short-term rates by year's end from the record lows the central bank set at the depths of the 2008 financial crisis. With the U.S. economy and job market now steadily rising, the need for ultra-low rates to stimulate growth is fading.

"Our economy is in a much better state," Yellen told Congress earlier this month. "We're close to where we want to be, and we now think the economy can not only tolerate but needs higher rates."

The economy still faces an array of threats, from subpar U.S. manufacturing and business investment to troubles in Europe and

Asia, which have roiled financial markets. Inflation also remains below the Fed's target rate. And while the unemployment rate, at 5.3 percent, is nearly normal, other gauges of the job market remain less than healthy. Pay growth remains generally sluggish, for example, and many people are working part time because they can't find full-time jobs.

But Yellen has stressed that when the Fed begins to raise rates, it will do so only gradually. The idea is to avoid weakening an economy that's still benefiting from low borrowing rates resulting from the Fed's policies.

Yellen has suggested that raising rates in small increments, followed by pauses, would let the Fed assess the effects of slightly higher rates. Higher rates would also allow the Fed to respond later to any weakening of the economy by cutting rates again.

Though many economists foresee the first rate hike in September, when Yellen is scheduled to hold a news conference, others think the Fed might wait until December. On Wednesday,

after its latest meeting ends, the Fed will issue only a statement.

"The recent volatility in the global economy and financial markets has given the Fed pause," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at the Martin Smith School of Business at California State University, Channel Islands. "I think the probability of a rate hike in September has diminished because the Fed is going to need more time to evaluate how the U.S. economy is doing. December looks like a good possibility."

During Yellen's testimony to

Congress this month, some Democrats urged her to consider delaying a rate hike given that inflation remains below the Fed's 2 percent target. The Fed has typically raised rates when it perceives a need to prevent inflation from getting out of control.

Part of the slowdown in inflation, though, reflects a plunge in oil prices over the past year, which will reverse itself once energy prices rebound. The Fed is closer to achieving its other main goal: Maximizing employment. The unemployment rate is at a seven-year low,

and over the past three months, U.S. hiring has averaged a robust 221,000 a month.

Economists who think the Fed will act in September point not only to low unemployment but also to signs of strength in such areas as housing and consumer spending. "The economy has a lot of momentum, and if you don't start raising rates off zero, then it will be hard to curtail that momentum and inflation will become a problem down the road," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. □

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Greece launches bailout talks as Plan B details revealed

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's government on Monday launched complex bailout negotiations with creditors, but faced rebuke following revelations that former finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, formed a secret committee to plan for the possible conversion of euros into drachmas "at a drop of a hat."

Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos said late Monday that meetings in Athens had begun between Greek officials and negotiating teams representing creditors, with talks to intensify Tuesday, paving the way for higher level discus-

sions possibly by the end of the week.

Before the talks started in Athens, a recording of Varoufakis discussing a parallel currency plan was made public.

Opposition parties have criticized Varoufakis and have urged Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras to explain to lawmakers what he knew of his former finance minister's actions.

In the recording of a telephone briefing for investors on July 16 in the wake of his resignation days earlier, Varoufakis claimed he and a childhood friend who was a computer expert hacked into his ministry's computer systems as a first step to creating "a parallel banking system" in the



Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras arrives at Syriza party headquarters for a meeting with senior party officials in Athens, Monday, July 27, 2015. After passing a series of reforms demanded by creditors, the Greek government is hoping that negotiations on the bailout will be completed by Aug. 20 when the country has a big debt repayment of around 3.2 billion euros (\$3.5 billion) to make to the European Central Bank.

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The Greek banks were closed on June 29 to avoid a bank run amid fears that Greece was heading for a euro exit. In theory, a parallel system formed from the effective cloning of tax accounts would have allowed the finance ministry to continue payments in the form of so-called IOUs. Varoufakis said he had been authorized by Tsipras to undertake the planning prior to the general election in January when the radical left Syriza party swept to power. And he insisted that his actions were legal, in the public interest and aimed at keeping the country in the 19-country eurozone.

In essence, the plan, which Tsipras ultimately blocked, would have created a "functioning parallel system" to give the government "some breathing space."

"It would be euro-denomi-

nated but at the drop of a hat it could be developed to a new drachma," Varoufakis said. Varoufakis confirmed the authenticity of the recording, which was released by the briefing organizers, London-based Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum. The revelation that Varoufakis was working on a Plan B over Greece's future was one of many in a wide-ranging discussion on the Greek crisis. He also said that German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble wanted Greece to leave the euro but that his boss, Chancellor Angela Merkel, was against so-called Grexit.

The recording prompted an outcry among opposition parties.

The main conservative opposition, New Democracy, accused Varoufakis of "dark methods that threaten democracy" and summoned Tsipras to brief parliament. □

Yemen airstrikes resume; 15 allied fighters killed

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The Saudi-led coalition launched new airstrikes in at least two Yemeni provinces on Monday, piercing a humanitarian pause that started at midnight the previous day, security officials said.

The U.S.-backed coalition of mainly Gulf Arab countries has been waging an air campaign since March against the Iran-supported Shiite rebels, who control most of northern Yemen and the capital, Sanaa.

Two of Monday's airstrikes killed 15 fighters allied with the coalition in the province of Lahj, security officials and field commanders said. More than 40 fighters were wounded in the apparently accidental strikes, they said, adding that the death toll was expected to rise.

The strikes happened near the strategic military base of al-Anad, which is held by the rebels known as Houthis, and which was also hit by coalition planes Monday. The coalition also struck north of the port city of Aden.

Airstrikes had been halted for hours but ground fighting erupted in multiple provinces within minutes of the start of the unilateral cease-fire late Sunday.

The Houthis said in a statement that they fired missiles across the border at a Saudi military position in the kingdom's Jazan region. The Saudi-owned Al-Hadath news channel said Saudi forces "responded" to Houthi shelling in Jazan, without elaborating.

Fierce clashes also broke out Monday in the nearby town of Sabr, which is on a key supply route. Officials aligned with pro-government fighters say they have regained control of the center of the town and were trying to advance into northern neighborhoods. Witnesses who fled Sabr on Monday morning said that corpses of fighters lay in the street next to destroyed military vehicles. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing for their own safety. There were sporadic clashes in Yemen's central Marib province, officials said. In the city of Taiz, mortar shells fired in the center of



Vendors salvage goods from the rubble of shops destroyed by a Saudi-led airstrike at a market in Sanaa, Yemen.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

the city killed four civilians, security and medical officials said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

Anti-aircraft gunfire was heard in the rebel-held Sanaa as coalition planes buzzed overhead.

The humanitarian pause was intended to help allow humanitarian aid to be delivered to ease the suffering of civilians in the Arab world's poorest country.

At the United Nations, U.N. officials continued to express hope that the humanitarian pause could still work.

"We know the pause will have taken hold when we are able to deliver aid ... when Yemeni humanitarian workers themselves feel safe to get in a truck, drive that truck and deliver aid," Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for the U.N. secretary-general, told reporters Monday. □

French farmers stop trucks with foreign meat, cheese

SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

PARIS (AP)—French farmers angry over low prices turned back hundreds of trucks at the German border on Monday, looking for cargos of foreign meat and milk products.

An Associated Press photographer at the German frontier saw farmers stopping refrigerated trucks to verify their contents on Monday, and one of the protest's organizers said 300 trucks had been turned back since the morning. Other vehicles were allowed to cross freely.

Police in France tend to avoid intervening in peaceful protests, and French President Francois Hollande on Monday said he backed the farmers and called for a high-

level meeting of European agricultural officials.

"Between now and then, we will continue to pressure, so that the farmers are certain, protests or not, that we are at their side," he said.

German Agriculture Ministry spokesman Jens Urban declined to comment on the protest but said he didn't think it was leading to a total stoppage of German agricultural exports to France.

The farmers also blocked the Spanish and German border highways on Sunday as part of an ongoing protest against low prices caused by cheap imports and pressure from grocery chains that have put about 10 percent of livestock farms on the verge of bankruptcy, according to the government. □

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Philippine leader seeks laws to end rebellion, dynasties

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— The Philippine president asked Congress on Monday to pass a troubled Muslim autonomy bill at the heart of efforts to end a bloody rebellion in the country's south and legislation that aims to lessen the stranglehold on power of entrenched political families, which include his. In his final state of the nation speech before he steps down in 11 months, Benigno Aquino III summed his administration's achievements in battling corruption and poverty — his campaign battle cry in 2010 — and thanked just about everyone who backed him, from his late parents, who are revered democracy champions, to his hairstylist.

Among other concerns he raised was the increasingly tense dispute with China over contested South China Sea territories. He called on Filipinos to unite as their country confronts China, which he did not identify by name.

"Our adversary, is by any measure, way ahead whether in terms of influence, economy or military force," Aquino said in the nationally televised ad-

dress. "But on the basis of reason and love for country, we're not lagging behind."

Relatedly, he said the Philippines, which retired its last fighter jets a decade ago, would soon acquire a dozen FA-50 jets from South Korea, with the first two to be delivered in December, for territorial defense. Two more C-130 cargo planes and more assault helicopters also are being acquired.

One of Aquino's expected major legacies, a peace deal with the largest Muslim rebel group in the country, stalled early this year when some of the rebels from the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front got entangled in a clash that killed 44 anti-terrorism police commandos in southern Mamasapano town.

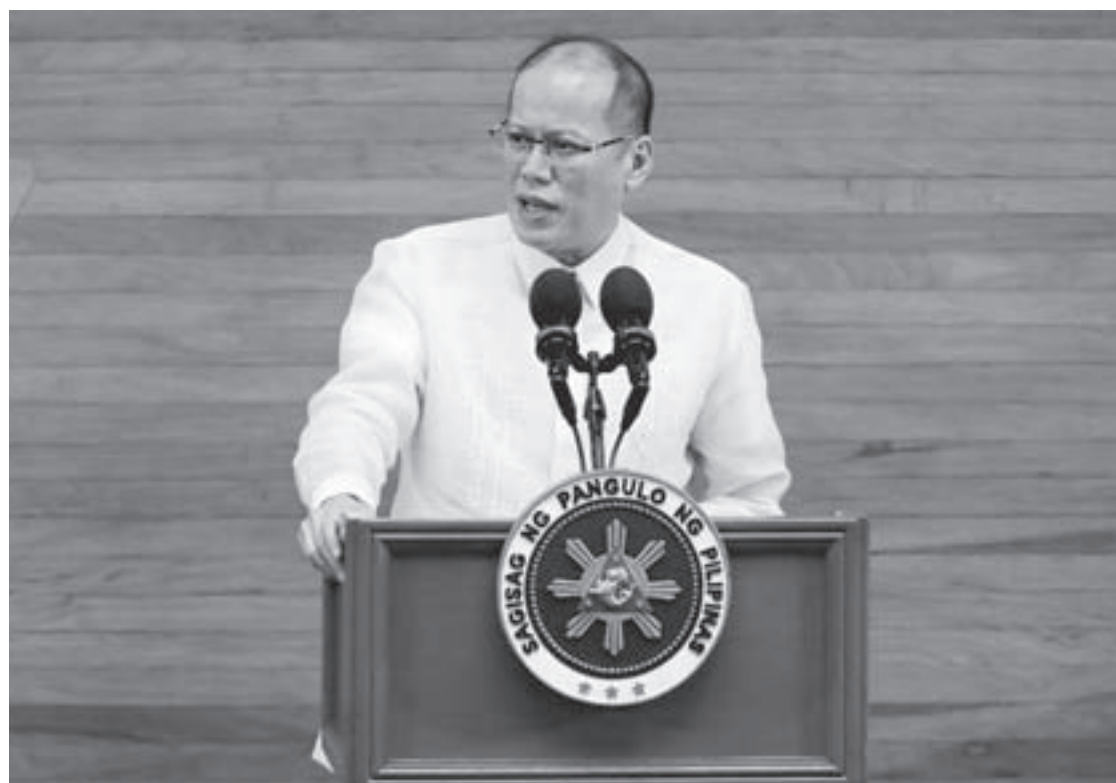
The commandos managed to kill a top Malaysian terror suspect long wanted by the United States whose real name is Zulkifli bin Hir, a successful assault Aquino cited in his address.

The brutal police deaths, however, sparked public outrage and prompted lawmakers to delay passage of a bill crafted to establish a more powerful and potentially larger autonomous region for minor-

ity Muslims in the south of the predominantly Roman Catholic nation. The Moro

som, bomb attacks and other acts of banditry. In a surprise turnaround,

names of dominant political clans to public office for generations.



Philippine President Benigno Aquino III delivers his last State of the Nation Address during the joint session of the 16th Congress at the House of Representatives in suburban Quezon city, north of Manila, Philippines on Monday, July 27, 2015.
(AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

rebels dropped their separatist bid in exchange for broader autonomy.

But the delay has set off concerns that some impatient rebels may resume armed hostilities in the south, where smaller but violent armed groups like the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf, continue to carry out kidnappings for ran-

Aquino told Congress he now backs long-unsuccessful attempts to craft a law that would restrict the number of members of influential families who can run for public office. Anti-dynasty bills, however, have not had any luck in Congress, which is dominated by millionaires who have carried the family

Aquino belongs to an entrenched and wealthy landowning clan which has held power at various levels in the northern province of Tarlac. His late mother, Corazon Aquino, was catapulted to the presidency after helping lead the 1986 "people power" revolt that ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos. □

Chinese state media snipe at Obama's trip to Africa

C. BODEEN

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP)

— China's state media are pouring cold water on President Barack Obama's visit to Africa, saying U.S. attention to the continent is largely due to concern over China's booming influence there.

The Global Times newspaper said Monday that "offsetting China's growing

influence in this continent and recovering past U.S. leverage" were major factors in Obama's visit.

The U.S., it said, is "taking China as a rival in Africa."

In contrast to China's steady and fair-minded interactions with Africa, the U.S. "obviously lacks a consistent Africa policy," said the paper, published by the ruling Communist

Party's flagship People's Daily. It cited what it said was Obama's "cold shoulder" to the continent during his first term as an example of U.S. inattentiveness.

The official Xinhua News Agency took a similar tone, criticizing what it described as ineffective U.S. aid programs for Africa while touting China's own projects, largely in roads, dams and

other infrastructure.

"Obama may have to work even harder if he wants to build his legacy on a continent where U.S. commitment has long been questioned," Xinhua said.

Obama huddled with Ethiopia's leaders Monday for talks on counterterrorism, human rights and regional security issues, including the crisis in neighboring South Sudan.

His visit to Ethiopia, the first by a sitting U.S. president, followed a stop in Kenya, his late father's homeland. China's economic ties with Africa have soared in recent years, with two-way trade in 2013 — the last year for which figures were available — hitting a record \$200 billion, mainly in Chinese imports of African oil, copper and other raw materials. □

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10 killed in India as militants attack police station, bus

ASHOK SHARMA
Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian forces fought an extended gunbattle Monday with militants who attacked a moving bus and stormed into a police station in a northern town bordering Pakistan, with 10 people killed in the violence, officials said. The attackers killed four policemen and three civil-

ians in the pre-dawn attack in Punjab state, said Harcharan Singh Bains, a state government spokesman. All three of the attackers died in fighting with Indian police officers backed by army personnel that lasted about 12 hours, said the state's director-general of police, Sumedh Singh Saini. The militants hijacked a car and then fired at the bus

and a roadside eatery before attacking a police station near Gurdaspur, a border town in Punjab, police said. Eight injured people were hospitalized, seven of them in serious condition, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. Police are investigating whether the militants came from the Indian portion of

Kashmir — which borders Punjab — or from Pakistan. Rebels routinely stage attacks in Indian-held Kashmir, where they've been fighting since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan. Monday's attack took place in neighboring Punjab state, which witnessed militancy by Sikhs in the 1980s. The revolt was put

down with massive police force, arbitrary arrests and long-term incarceration of insurgent leaders. Saini said it was difficult to say where the attackers came from or whether militancy was returning to Punjab. "They carried firearms and grenades. They came well equipped and carried two GPS systems," he told reporters. □

With warning to US, North Korea marks end of Korean War

ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korean officials warned the United States that another war on the Korean Peninsula would leave no Americans alive to sign a surrender document as the country marked Monday's anniversary of the armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War more than six decades ago. Pyongyang and other cities around North Korea were decked out with flags and banners as North Koreans flocked to patriotic gatherings and mass dance celebrations to mark the anniversary of the July 27, 1953, agreement that brought the three-year Korean war



Students participate in a mass dance in front of a mural of the late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung delivering a speech, Monday, July 27, 2015, in Pyongyang, North Korea as part of celebrations for the 62nd anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

to an end with an armistice, not a peace treaty. North Korean officials took

the opportunity of the anniversary to step up their anti-U.S. rhetoric and call upon

the nation to redouble its devotion to the nation's current leader, Kim Jong

Un, the third leader in the Kim dynasty, and prepare for a final showdown with Washington. The anniversary is hailed in North Korea as a victory over the U.S., which fought with the South Koreans and U.N. allies against the North's forces, who were supported by China and the Soviet Union. In a speech to veterans on Saturday, Kim Jong Un stressed the importance of instilling the country's young people with the same fighting spirit and devotion as the generation that experienced the war. But he also stressed that North Korea has a new ace in the hole — a nuclear arsenal of its own. □

Ex-president known as father of Indian missile program dies

WASBIR HUSSAIN
Associated Press

GAUHATI, India (AP) — Former Indian President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, known as the father of the country's military missile program, died Monday after collapsing while delivering a lecture, a top state official said. He was 83. The president from 2002 until 2007, he was a scientist and science administrator for four decades before that, mainly at the state-

run Defense Research and Development Organization and the Indian Space Research Organization. He played a key organizational and technical role in India's nuclear program. He also served as a scientific adviser to the prime minister. Kalam fell sick Monday while addressing the students of the Indian Institute of Management in the Meghalaya state capital, Shillong, said P.B. Warjri,

chief secretary of the state. He was rushed to the hospital, but was declared dead after doctors could not revive him, Warjri said. The federal government would declare national mourning for seven days for him, said federal Home Secretary L.C. Goyal. Kalam's body will be flown to New Delhi on Tuesday for burial. India's President Pranab Mukherjee said "Kalam would be long remem-

bered for his passion for science and innovation and his contribution as an eminent scientist, administrator, educationist and writer." Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "his death is a great loss to the scientific community. He took India to great heights. He showed the way." "He was an inspiration to an entire generation," Home Minister Rajnath

Singh tweeted. Sonia Gandhi, the president of opposition Congress party, described Kalam as "one of the greatest scientific minds, a scholar statesman and a true patriot who inspired millions of young and old alike by his works and deeds." After his presidential term ended, Kalam traveled to remote schools and colleges, speaking to students and inspiring them to follow their dreams. □



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Colombia looks for scores of disappeared in landfill

JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP)

— The last contact Margarita Restrepo had with her daughter was a hurried phone call on Oct. 25, 2002. The school day was over and 17-year-old Carol Vanesa was going to meet friends at a metro stop near the sprawling Comuna 13 hillside slum.

Restrepo and her children had fled the violent Medellin neighborhood a few days earlier, right before it was taken over by thousands of Colombian soldiers trying to ferret out leftist rebels. She begged the girl not to risk returning there, but the teen went anyway. Neither she nor her two friends have been seen again and, to this day, nobody knows who is responsible for their disappearance. Thirteen years later, Restrepo and dozens of others who have missing loved ones are closer than



Women look at a poster with images of missing people, during a ceremony to remember the disappeared and kick off a search effort in La Escombrera, on the outskirts of Medellin, Colombia, Monday, July 27, 2015. La Escombrera is a debris landfill where the remains of as many as 300 people are believed to have been dumped during one of the darkest chapters of Colombia's long-running civil conflict.
(AP Photo/Luis Benavides)

ever to closure thanks to a project to remove 31,000 cubic yards (24,000 cubic meters) of rubble from La Escombrera, a debris land-

fill on Medellin's outskirts where the remains of as many as 300 people are believed to have been dumped during one of the

darkest chapters of Colombia's long-running civil conflict.

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Chile's Bachelet asks for end of silence pact: AP

LUIS HENAO
Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)

— Chilean President Michelle Bachelet on Monday called for citizens to break the pacts of silence that have covered up human rights violations during the 1973-1990 military dictatorship, praising a former soldier who helped the investigation into the burning death of a U.S. resident.

A Chilean judge last week charged seven former members of the military in the burning death of a 19-year-old U.S. resident during a 1986 anti-dictatorship protest, and four other ex-soldiers were being questioned on Monday.

The charges come after another soldier testified about the case last year, breaking a nearly three-decade pact of silence.

"Let's put an end to the silence," said Bachelet, who herself was held and tortured during the dictatorship. "There are people who know the truth about many cases that are still unsolved. Chile is asking them to follow the example of the soldier, Fernando Guzman, and help to repair so much pain," she said.

Soldiers doused Rodrigo Rojas and 18-year-old Carmen Quintana with gasoline and set them ablaze during a street demonstration on July 2, 1986. Rojas died four days later. He was a Chilean-born photographer visiting from the U.S., where he lived with his mother in exile.

Quintana survived and underwent lengthy treatment for severe burns at a Canadian hospital. Her scarred face later became a symbol of the atrocities committed by Pinochet's dictatorship. □

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Texas Celebrity Chef Antonio Vidal Visits Hollywood Smokehouse

EAGLE BEACH - Texas celebrity chef Antonio Vidal from famed Austin restaurant Ranch 616 stopped in to sample authentic American smoked barbecue from Aruba's Hollywood Smokehouse. The chef is loving Hollywood's house-infused triple smoked brisket vodka, made with vodka created by his good friend and Texas neighbor, Tito...yes, that's right, Tito of Tito's Vodka. He can't wait to get home and tell his buddy what Hollywood Smokehouse is doing with his vodka all the way down in Aruba, and needed a picture to share with Tito... "I can't get over the smokiness the vodka gets from your brisket--really special and memorable," said the chef. Fans of the brisket-infused vodka really enjoy it with the fresh bloody Marys featured every Sunday during Hollywood Smokehouse's Bloody Sunday special. Hollywood Smokehouse also features several other vodkas and tequilas in-



fused with fresh herbs like basil, rosemary, spicy jalapeño, and lemongrass—many of the herbs are grown right on Hollywood's



patio. Pictured here is Chef Vidal with Hollywood's bar manager, Danny Van der

Linden, and outside on the patio with Elizabeth Wunderlich with the U.S. Meat Export Federation, as

well as Jordan Paskel and Zychiel Pantophlet from the Hollywood's kitchen team. □

Joe and Sandy Honored at the Marriott Ocean Suites



PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple who are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba as Distinguished Visitors at the Marriott Ocean Club. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for



10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Joe and Mrs. Sandy Rabinowitz from Huntington NY. Joe and Sandy are loyal members of the Marriott Ocean Club, and they love Aruba for the climate, beaches, safety, and restaurants, but most of all they love the friendly Aruban people. On this trip they brought family members with them

and they are all having a great time on the 'One Happy Island' of Aruba, most especially their granddaughters Jordan and Jamie. The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Lilian Brete and Lisette Bouwman representing the Marriott Ocean Club. □

Support Animal Rights Aruba's "We Need a Shelter" Campaign

ORANJESTAD - As you may already know, the main goal of Animal Rights Aruba (ARA) for the year 2015 is to build our own (dog/cat) no-kill shelter. Currently, whenever stray dogs or cats are identified, we have to immediately try to find them foster homes. We do this primarily through social media postings, e-mails or by calling our regular fosters we believe might be able to take them in. ARA has already received a piece of land from the Government of Aruba and the building plans and estimation of the total costs to build the shelter are finalized. Now we need the financial support of the community and commercial sector. This sub-project is named



"Plot(s) for sale". ARA has divided the shelter terrain in "plots" (m2) and these plots are "for sale" for Afl. 250,=

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Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

PALM BEACH - First of all, I like to welcome you to my island in the sun. Aruba's weather is always so predictable (hot and windy) and that might be the main reason you decided to come visit us.

Of course besides the sun there is much more like: beaches, restaurants, shopping, gambling, activities and more. Talking about all those fun things to do here, if you live on the island full time, and work every day, you might forget that we truly live in a paradise. Of course on your off day you might go swimming or drive around but it is after a few more days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is.

So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little.

No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps.

In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been run-



ning this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself.... Up to Baby Beach and Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm

and shallow waters, lots of space to lie out and catch some sun. If you pick a spot close to the Snack Container where they sell burger and refreshments you can enjoy 24-7 "golden oldies". Music you grew up with..... After a few hours of "vegging" on the beach staring at the turquoise ocean and listening to the birds that fly by and walk around it is time to get some food. Zeerovers in Savaneta is

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AP sources:

NFL close to new football inspection rules

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL is preparing to send out instructions to game officials and teams explaining new rules for inspecting footballs.

Two people familiar with the league's plans tell The Associated Press on Monday that proper inflation of the footballs will be documented as part of the new policy.

But those people, speaking on condition of anonymity because the league has not released information on the new policy, say no instructions have been sent out yet.

The first preseason game is Aug. 9, the Hall of Fame game between Minnesota and Pittsburgh in Canton, Ohio.

Among the details being considered for the new policy: having game officials appointed by the referee inspect the 48 footballs for each game more than two hours before kick-off. In the past, the referee inspected the footballs.

Also under consideration is checking pressure readings for every ball before the game and then again at halftime.

These changes stem from the use of underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, which led to a four-game suspension for New England quarterback Tom Brady, a \$1 million fine for the Patriots, and two draft picks.

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A-ROD AT 40

Alex Rodriguez's resurgence continues

New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez warms up in the outfield during batting practice before a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Monday, July 27, 2015, in Arlington, Texas. Rodriguez told reporters he was planning to celebrate his 40th birthday on Monday in Texas with family and friends.
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After Olympic dreams fizzle, Bostonians wonder: Now what?

PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Opponents are cheering the unceremonious demise of Boston's bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics, but some are wistfully wondering what might have been. The U.S. Olympic Committee officially severed ties with Boston on Monday, saying it was exploring other options amid lackluster public support and concerns from elected leaders and organized opposition about the impact to taxpayers.

For some supporters, the announcement dashed hopes for billions of dollars in new investments that would have dramatically remade New England's largest city and further tarnished Boston's image as a city of cynics and curmudgeons with a "can't do" spirit.

"I'm sad for Boston. I don't think there are any winners here," said Ed Lyons, a Boston resident who has been among the most active on social media defending the proposal. "I think a lot of people had a lot of hope and civic energy that they were willing to put into Boston 2024...That's going to be a wound that hurts for a while."

But Rafael Mares, an attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental group that's been closely following the bid's development, suggests that, if anything, the ferocity of the local Olympics debate showcased the ability of Bostonians not to shy away from tough questions.

"It's a sign of how smart this region is that it can delve into the details, understand the numbers and come



In this Feb. 5, 2015, file photo, people hold up placards against the Olympic Games coming to Boston, during the first public forum regarding the city's 2024 Olympic bid, in Boston. Copyright 2015

Associated Press

to the conclusion that this isn't good for us," he said. "Does that mean we don't want any development or any improvements? No. Of course we do."

Jake Duhaime, a Mansfield resident who had been among the early supporters of the games, blames Boston 2024 organizers for turning residents against the idea at nearly every step since Boston was picked over Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. in January.

"This bid started as truly grassroots. It had a heart and soul. But that got stripped through the process," he said. "It became less about the Olympics and more about people cashing in."

Duhaime also feared that public interest that seemed to be building around finally addressing some of the greater Boston area's most intractable problems might evaporate, relegating those important topics to the back burner. "Now these stories move from

page A-1 to page B-6," he said. "They become irrelevant, because they're not attached to the Olympic brand name."

Opponents argue just the opposite, suggesting the

end of the bid allows Boston to plan its future on its own terms.

"The Olympics were just a distraction from the types of discussions we should be having," said Jona-

than Cohn, a Boston resident who's been among the most active voices on Twitter opposed to the bid. "We don't need the Olympics to talk about fixing the (transit system) or climate change or underfunded schools or widening inequality."

Massachusetts politicians and business leaders struck similar themes Monday.

"Boston is a great city. We have so many strong attributes," said Mayor Marty Walsh as he thrust one of the final daggers into the heart of the city's Olympics bid, declaring Monday morning that he would not sign a guarantee placing taxpayers on the hook if the games went over budget. "We don't need the Olympics to plan the future of Boston, but the conversation of the Olympics has helped us look at things differently." □

Seau lawyer: Family won't disrupt Hall Of Fame ceremonies

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - The family of the late Junior Seau will not disrupt the Hall of Fame ceremonies on Aug. 8 despite its disagreement with a policy preventing live remarks during a posthumous induction.

Steve Strauss, legal counsel to the Seaus and partner at Cooley LLP, said in an email Monday night that the family "does not want this issue to become a distraction to Junior's accomplishments and legacy or those of the other inductees."

Seau, who took his own life in 2012, will be saluted



In this Sept. 1, 2012, file photo, family members of Junior Seau including his mother Luisa Seau, far left, and his father Tiaina Seau, third from left, stand during a ceremony to honor the former Southern California player during the first half of an NCAA college football game between Hawaii and Southern California in Los Angeles

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with a video presentation in which his daughter, Sydney, will speak. But Hall policy does not allow for live speeches during a posthumous induction. "The Seau family appreciates the overwhelming support for Sydney Seau to be able to accept Junior's induc-

tion into the Hall of Fame live and in her own words," Strauss said. "Unfortunately, the Hall of Fame is unwilling to reverse its decision despite communicating to the family earlier this year that Sydney would be able to speak at the ceremony." □

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Brady has appealed the suspension and is awaiting Commissioner Roger Goodell's ruling. The Patriots did not challenge their punishments.

Under the new guidelines, the official in charge of

K balls used in the kicking game would handle all footballs after they pass inspection by the two chosen game officials. Ten minutes before the game, a member of the officiating crew and a security official will bring 24 balls, 12 for each team, to the field. The other 24 balls will remain in the officials' dressing room.

Those footballs would be used in the second half of games in which the first 24 balls are inspected at halftime. Those halftime inspections will be done randomly.

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Ortiz has 2 HRs, career-high 7 RBIs as Red Sox rout Tigers

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz homered twice and drove in a career-high seven runs to lead Boston over Detroit. Ortiz, who had two three-run homers and an RBI single, and Xander Bogaerts each had four of the season-high 20 hits by the Red Sox.

Boston won for just the second time 11 games — with both victories coming in this series.

Nick Castellanos hit a solo homer for the second straight day for the struggling Tigers, who have lost six of nine.

Eduardo Rodriguez (6-3) rebounded from a miserable start by pitching seven strong innings.

Shane Greene (4-8) didn't make it out of the fifth inning for the third straight start since being recalled from Triple-A Toledo. He gave up five runs — four in the fifth — on 11 hits in 4 1/3

innings.

ROYALS 5, ASTROS 1

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — The Royals traded for right-hander Johnny Cueto, and then used Yordano Ventura's seven sharp innings to beat Dallas Keuchel and the Astros.

Ventura (5-7) allowed one run and six hits in just his second win in his last seven starts.

The Royals announced during the game that they had acquired Cueto from Cincinnati for minor league left-handers Brandon Finnegan, John Lamb and Cody Reed, drawing a big cheer at Kauffman Stadium.

Keuchel (12-5), who started for the American League in the All-Star Game, was tagged for a season-high 10 hits in 6 2/3 innings. He also allowed five runs, matching a season high.

WHITE SOX 2, INDIANS 1



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, watches the flight of his three-run home run as Detroit Tigers catcher James McCann, left, looks on in the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Boston. It was Ortiz second three-run home run of the evening. The Red Sox won 11-1.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Carlos Rodon pitched a shutout into the seventh inning and Carlos Sanchez homered for the second straight day, powering the White Sox to the road win.

Rodon and Sanchez, both rookies, helped the White Sox finish off their first four-game sweep in Cleveland since July 14-17, 2005. Chicago outscored the Indians 26-5 and never trailed in the series.

Rodon (4-3) recorded the longest outing of his career in his first win since June 20. The left-hander struck out nine and allowed five hits in 6 2/3 innings.

David Robertson allowed a run in the ninth before finishing for his 21st save.

The Indians have lost six straight at home and are 19-30 at Progressive Field. Danny Salazar (8-6) yielded two runs in 6 2/3 innings.

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A-Rod takes pride in being 40 and still playing in majors

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

-- Alex Rodriguez doesn't remember any clubhouse conversations as a young player about still being in the game at 40 years old. "You talk more about 35, coming into your mid-30s. Forty's not really talked about," Rodriguez said. "So, sure, there's a certain amount of pride."

A-Rod marked his 40th birthday Monday night with the New York Yankees' series opener at Texas. He was the designated hitter and batted third against the team that gave him his first huge contract.

It came a year after Rodriguez turned 39 while serving a season-long suspension for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract.

"I had a lot of time to think and evaluate. It was a dark time, for sure," Rodriguez said. "To be able to come back this year and look back, and hopefully I'm going to be a better player but more importantly a better person for the next 40 years."

When asked what a 40-year-old A-Rod would tell the 30- or 20-year-old A-Rod, he first said he wasn't in position to give anyone advice, including himself. But he then said there was



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez follows through on a solo home run off Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Glen Perkins during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis, Saturday, July 25, 2015.

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a point in time when hitting home runs and being a great player were all that mattered to him.

"I figured that if I hit more home runs, it would justify for whatever behavior I had off the field," he said, without being specific. "And I realize today that it's not that way at all. Hitting home runs doesn't make you a good father. It doesn't make you a good friend. And it certainly doesn't make you a good

teammate. And to me, they're both important."

Rodriguez went into Monday night's game hitting .277 with 23 home runs and 58 RBIs. He got his 3,000th career hit June 19 against Detroit, and this is his 16th career 20-homer season - he is fourth on the major league homer list with 677. The three-time MVP became the 10th current major league player who is at least 40, according to STATS. The oldest is Colora-

do pitcher LaTroy Hawkins at 42 years, 218 days old Monday, followed by Mets pitcher Bartolo Colon (42 years, 64 days). The oldest position player is Miami outfielder Ichiro Suzuki (41 years, 278 days). Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Rodriguez is extremely productive and re-established himself as an everyday player.

"I'm going to continue to work hard. I thought April would be my most chal-

lenging month. Then as I started getting more repetition, I was hoping to get better and I think that's happened," Rodriguez said. "It's also a nice reminder to me that if you play clean and you work hard, that good things can happen."

Rodriguez has been with the Yankees since 2004. Just before spring training that year he was traded by Texas only three seasons into the \$252 million, 10-year contract he signed after starting his career with Seattle from 1994-2000.

During his three seasons in Texas, he was a three-time All-Star while hitting 156 homers with 395 RBIs. He got a new \$275 million, 10-year contract from the Yankees after the 2007 season.

In February 2009, Rodriguez admitted to using steroids while with the Rangers from 2001-03.

"The fans (in Texas) were always incredible to me. I will always be grateful to (former owner) Tom Hicks and the Rangers for giving me an opportunity at 25 years old to be the leader of a franchise," he said. "I learned a lot here. I was 25 years old. I was a young kid here, and I had a good time. I tried to do my best as a leader. I did the best I could." □

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YANKEES 7, TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Yankees right-hander Nathan Eovaldi pitched impressively into the ninth inning, and Chase Headley and Stephen Drew homered.

Eovaldi (10-2) came out to start the ninth but was pulled after giving up a leadoff double to Miguel Sano. He allowed eight hits and walked one while reaching double-digit wins for the first time.

Headley had two big hits against Kyle Gibson (8-8) — the first a solo homer in the fifth that made it 1-all, and then a two-run single the next inning that knocked

the Twins starter out of the game.

ORIOLES 5, RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Nolan Reimold had a two-run double among three hits as the Orioles beat the Rays for their second straight win after a four-game skid.

Chen Wei-yin (5-6) won for the first time in four starts against Tampa Bay, giving up two runs and six hits while striking out three in 5 1/3 innings.

Caleb Joseph hit a two-run homer for the Baltimore. Evan Longoria and Logan Forsythe homered for the Rays on consecutive pitches in the fourth. In his fifth start since returning from Tommy John surgery, Matt Moore (1-2) allowed

five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Four relievers finished for the Orioles. Zach Britton earned his 25th save.

ANGELS 13, RANGERS 7

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Mike Trout had a grand slam and a solo shot among his season-high four hits to lead Los Angeles.

C.J. Cron also went deep and rookie Andrew Heaney kept his unblemished record intact, helping the Angels end a three-game skid and regain sole possession of the AL West lead by a game over the Houston Astros.

Heaney (5-0) allowed two runs and six hits over six innings in his sixth start for the Angels after making five starts last season with

the Miami Marlins and going 0-3 with a 5.83 ERA in seven total appearances. The 24-year-old left-hander has thrown at least six innings and allowed fewer than three runs in all of his outings this season. The only pitcher in club history to do that in each of his first seven starts with the club was Jered Weaver in 2006. Nick Martinez (5-6) was charged with four runs and six hits in five-plus innings for Texas.

MARINERS 6, BLUE JAYS 5, 10 INNINGS

SEATTLE (AP) — Franklin Gutierrez homered with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning to give Seattle a win in a game the Mariners kept close with the aid of a triple play.

Gutierrez jumped on an 0-2 pitch from Aaron Loup (2-5) and drove it over the wall in left-center for his third homer. Nelson Cruz brought the Mariners even at 5-5 in the seventh with his 25th home run, a two-run shot to left off Bo Schultz.

Joe Beimel (2-1), who struck out one in one relief inning, picked up the win for the Mariners.

With Toronto leading 4-3, the Mariners turned a triple play in the fourth inning. Ezequiel Carrera drew a leadoff walk and moved to third on Kevin Pillar's single. Ryan Goings bounced out to first and Pillar was hung up between first and second, and Carrera stuck between third and home.

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Greinke's shutout streak ends, Mets beat Dodgers 3-2 in 10

NEW YORK (AP) — Zack Greinke's shutout streak ended at 45 2/3 innings when the Mets scored the first of two runs against him as New York beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 Sunday off newcomer Juan Uribe's single off the wall in the 10th.

Jacob deGrom outpitched Greinke in a marquee matchup that lived up to its billing, but Yasmani Grandal hit a tying single in the ninth as Los Angeles erased a two-run deficit against closer Jeurys Familia, who was trying for a four-out save.

Greinke allowed a run in the third on a grounder by deGrom and another in the sixth when rookie Michael Conforto was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Jenry Mejia (1-0) pitched out of a jam in the top of the 10th, striking out rookie slugger Joc Pederson and retiring Howie Kendrick with a runner on third. Juan Nicasio (1-3) got the loss.

PIRATES 3, NATIONALS 1
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gerrit Cole became the majors' first 14-game winner, leading Pittsburgh to the victory. Cole allowed one run and seven hits in 7 2/3 innings while improving to 3-1 with a 2.40 ERA in four July starts. The right-hander struck out eight and walked none.

Cole (14-4) also became the first Pittsburgh pitcher with 14 wins before August since Dock Ellis in 1971. Danny Espinosa chased Cole with a single that put two runners on for Bryce Harper, who grounded out against left-hander Tony Watson. Mark Melancon picked up his major league-best 32nd save with a scoreless ninth.

Michael Taylor homered for NL East-leading Washington, and Joe Ross (2-3) struck out seven while pitching six innings of three-run ball.

PHILLIES 11, CUBS 5
CHICAGO (AP) — Ryan Howard homered for the second straight day and rookie Aaron Nola got his first major league win as

Philadelphia completed a three-game series sweep. Maikel Franco also went deep as the major league-worst Phillies collected 17 hits in their eighth win in nine games since the All-Star break. Franco and Dominican Brown each drove in three runs a day after Cole Hamels threw no-hitter against the Cubs.

Nola (1-1) allowed four runs and five hits in 7 2/3 innings in his second career start. The touted prospect also had an RBI single in Philadelphia's three-run fourth. With the game out of hand, Cubs catcher David Ross pitched a perfect ninth. He then hit a solo homer in the bottom half of the inning.

Chicago right-hander Jason Hammel (5-5) was tagged for six runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings.

BRAVES 3, CARDINALS 2
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adonis Garcia's first career home run broke a deadlock and rookie Matt Wisler worked seven strong innings for Atlanta.

Wisler (5-1) allowed two runs and seven hits in his longest outing since he pitched eight innings in a win over the Mets in his major league debut on June 19.

The Braves took advantage of Michael Wacha's wildness for a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Ryan Lavarney doubled into the left-field corner to score Eury Perez, who had worked a one-out walk from an 0-2 count. Following a two-out walk to Jace Peterson, Cameron Maybin singled in Lavarney.

Wacha (11-4) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings. Steve Cishek, acquired in a trade with Miami on Friday, tossed a scoreless eighth inning in his Cardinals debut.

Jim Johnson got three outs for his ninth save.

PADRES 3, MARLINS 2
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Justin Upton homered and Odri-samer Despaigne pitched six solid innings to lead San Diego.

Upton, mentioned in vari-

ous trade rumors, hit his 16th home run and also singled. Yonder Alonso also had two hits.

Despaigne (4-7) gave up a run and two hits with two walks and struck out three. He also hit a batter. The win was San Diego's third straight and Despaigne's first since beating the Pirates on May 31.

Joaquin Benoit pitched the eighth and Craig Kimbrel got the last three outs for his 29th save in 30 chances. The Padres have won nine of the last 11 games against the Marlins at Petco Park.

Mat Latos (4-7) gave up all three runs and six hits while striking out six in six innings.

GIANTS 4, ATHLETICS 3
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tim Hudson earned a win against the only team he had never beaten in a 17-year big league career, helping San Francisco complete a sweep in the Bay Bridge Series.

Matt Duffy hit a two-run homer in the first and drove in three runs, and Brandon Belt added an RBI single in the initial inning to back Hudson (6-8), who became the 15th pitcher to defeat all 30 current teams in the majors.

Hudson also won his first game since turning 40 on July 14.

Buster Posey had a season-high four hits in the Giants' sixth straight home win, fifth in a row overall and 12th in 14.

A's rookie Kendall Graveman (6-7) lost his third straight start and has failed to make it out of the fifth in any of those outings.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, BREWERS 0

PHOENIX (AP) — Jeremy Hellickson threw six strong innings and Chris Owings drove in two runs with a pinch-hit, two-out double as Arizona beat suddenly punchless Milwaukee, which was shut out in consecutive games for the first time this season.

Jake Lamb tripled, doubled, drove in a run and scored another for the Diamondbacks. □



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Zack Greinke delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets in New York, Sunday, July 26, 2015.

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Mexico wins 7th Gold Cup title with 3-1 victory over Jamaica

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Andres Guardado scored again, with no penalty kick needed this time, and his teammates finally managed some goals, too. Mexico ensured the final wouldn't come down to any calls in the last minutes with a 3-1 victory over up-start Jamaica for the CONCACAF Gold Cup title Sunday.

Guardado had his fourth goal of the knockout rounds, and Jesus Corona and Oribe Peralta also scored as El Tri won its seventh Gold Cup. It was a convincing performance for coach Miguel Herrera and his team after some shaky play and contentious moments in the previous two games.

Jamaica had made a rousing run to the final, stunning the U.S. in the semis to become the first Caribbean nation to reach the Gold Cup's championship match. And the Reggae Boyz looked as though they belonged in the opening minutes, keeping the pressure on Mexico with several promising scoring chances but never putting a shot on goal.

But then El Tri started to find the gaps in the defense, and a yellow card for Ja-



Mexico players celebrate their 3-1 win over Jamaica in the CONCACAF Gold Cup championship soccer match, Sunday, July 26, 2015, in Philadelphia.

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maica helped lead to Mexico's first goal. The Reggae Boyz hadn't trailed since early in the second half of their Gold Cup opener.

Mexico, which already held the record for most Gold Cup titles, is 7-1 in finals. El Tri will face the U.S., the 2013 Gold Cup champ, on Oct. 9 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, for CONCACAF'S spot in the 2017 Confederations Cup in Russia.

"We won a game today, but we don't accomplish our goal yet," Herrera said.

The only way Mexico had been able to score in the knockout rounds before Sunday was on penalty kicks, all three by Guardado.

And two of those came on late, questionable calls. Against Costa Rica in the quarterfinals, a scoreless game was moments from going to a shootout when Guardado converted his penalty in the final minute of extra time. Mexico had been the better team that day, but that wasn't the case in the semifinals.

Down to 10 men, Panama was on the verge of victory when a disputed hand ball set up a penalty for Guardado in second-half stoppage time, and he scored on another for the winner in extra time.

Mexico had gone 272 minutes since one of its players scored on anything other than a penalty when Guardado put El Tri ahead for good Sunday. Jonathan dos Santos found Paul Aguilar out wide on a free kick, and Aguilar crossed it to Guardado, whose left-foot-

ed volley made it 1-0 in the 31st minute. It was his sixth goal of the tournament, one behind Clint Dempsey of the U.S.

Guardado, voted top player of the tournament, had also been the last Mexico player to score on anything other than a penalty with his goal in the 88th minute against Trinidad and Tobago in the final group stage match.

Any chance of a Jamaica comeback quickly evaporated after halftime. Just over a minute in, Corona, who had failed to convert two good chances in the first half, stole the ball from Michael Hector and pushed forward. The 22-year-old forward slid his left-footed shot from the edge of the area under the legs of Wes Morgan for a 2-0 lead in the 47th minute. Corona was selected top young player of the tournament.

Another mistake by Hector in the 61st minute put Mexico up 3-0. He whiffed on an attempted clearance, and the ball went right to Peralta for an easy goal. Shortly after, Guardado came off to a thunderous ovation from the pro-Mexico crowd of 68,930 at Lincoln Financial Field, home of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. □



United States' Christa Harmotto Dietzen (13) holds the championship trophy as she poses with teammates for a photo after a 3-0 win over China and winning the women's FIVB World Grand Prix volleyball championship in Omaha, Neb., Sunday, July 26, 2015. Also in the photo are Jordan Larson-Burbach (10), Kelsey Robinson (23), Molly Kreklow (18), Tetori Dixon (21), Lauren Gibbemeyer (8) and Karsta Lowe (25).

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — With the FIVB World Grand Prix Fi-

nals championship already secured, the United States added a three-set victory over China on Sunday to

With tournament title secured, U.S. sweeps China

cap the tournament.

With a spike by home-state hero Jordan Larson-Burbach to finish things off, the top-ranked Americans avenged their July 18 five-set loss to China with a 25-23, 25-19, 25-18 sweep before an announced crowd of 8,500 at CenturyLink Center.

Karsta Lowe and Megan Easy combined for 26 spikes to power the United States offense in its final test before the first 2016 Olympic qualifying tournament — the FIVB Women's World Cup from Aug. 22 to Sept. 6 in Japan.

Lowe finished with a team-

high 17 points (15 spikes, two blocks) while Easy had 13 points on 11 spikes and a pair of blocks.

Larson-Burbach, who grew up in tiny Hooper, Nebraska, and Christa Dietzen both finished with 10 points. The victory capped a good week for the U.S. women's national team as it readies for the 2016 Olympics.

The U.S. team playing at the Pan American Games in Toronto swept Brazil 25-22, 25-21, 28-26 on Saturday to win the gold medal. The Americans finished that tournament 5-1, winning it for just the second time since 1967.

Carli Lloyd — not to be confused with the U.S. women's national soccer team star — won the Pan Am tournament's Most Valuable Player award, along with being named best setter.

In Omaha, the United States clinched the World Grand Prix title with a 25-16, 25-22, 25-21 over second-ranked Brazil on Saturday. United States coach Karch Kiraly said winning two major international events with wins over rival Brazil — along with Sunday's sweep of China — was a milestone in the history of USA Volleyball. □

Software turns smartphones into tools for medical research

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Jody Kearns doesn't like to spend time obsessing about her Parkinson's disease. The 56-year-old dietitian from Syracuse, New York, had to give up bicycling because the disorder affected her balance. But she still works, drives and tries to live a normal life.

Yet since she enrolled in a clinical study that uses her iPhone to gather information about her condition, Kearns has been diligently taking a series of tests three times a day. She taps the phone's screen in a certain pattern, records a spoken phrase and walks a short distance while the phone's motion sensors measure her gait.

"The thing with Parkinson's disease is there's not much you can do about it," she said of the nervous-system disorder, which can be managed but has no cure. "So when I heard about this, I thought, 'I can do this.'"

Smartphone apps are the latest tools to emerge from the intersection of health care and Silicon Valley, where tech companies are also working on new ways of bringing patients and doctors together online, applying massive computing power to analyze DNA and even developing ingestible "smart" pills for detecting cancer.

More than 75,000 people have enrolled in health studies that use specialized iPhone apps, built with software Apple Inc. developed to help turn the popular smartphone into a research tool. Once enrolled, iPhone owners use the apps to submit data on a daily basis, by answering a few survey questions or using the iPhone's built-in sensors to measure their symptoms.

Scientists overseeing the studies say the apps could transform medical research by helping them collect information more frequently and from more people, across larger and more diverse regions, than they're able to reach with



traditional health studies.

A smartphone "is a great platform for research," said Dr. Michael McConnell, a Stanford University cardiologist, who's using an app to study heart disease. "It's one thing that people have with them every day."

While the studies are in early stages, researchers also say a smartphone's microphone, motion sensors and touchscreen can take precise readings that, in some cases, may be more reliable than a doctor's observations. These can be correlated with other health or fitness data and even environmental conditions, such as smog levels, based on the phone's GPS locator.

Others have had similar ideas. Google Inc. says it's developing a health-tracking wristband specifically designed for medical studies. Researchers also have tried limited studies that gather data from apps on Android phones.

But if smartphones hold great promise for medical research, experts say there are issues to consider when turning vast numbers of people into walking test subjects.

The most important is safeguarding privacy and the data that's collected, according to ethics experts. In addition, researchers say apps must be designed to ask questions that produce useful information, without

overloading participants or making them lose interest after a few weeks. Study organizers also acknowledge that iPhone owners tend to be more affluent and not necessarily an accurate mirror of the world's population.

Apple had previously created software called HealthKit for apps that track iPhone owners' health statistics and exercise habits. Senior Vice President Jeff Williams said the company wants to help scientists by creating additional software for more specialized apps, using the iPhone's capabilities and vast user

base — estimated at 70 million or more in North America alone.

"This is advancing research and helping to democratize medicine," Williams said in an interview.

Apple launched its ResearchKit program in March with five apps to investigate Parkinson's, asthma, heart disease, diabetes and breast cancer. A sixth app was released last month to collect information for a long-term health study of gays and lesbians by the University of California, San Francisco. Williams said more are being developed.

For scientists, a smartphone app is a relatively inexpensive way to reach thousands of people living in different settings and geographic areas. Traditional studies may only draw a few hundred participants, said Dr. Ray Dorsey, a University of Rochester neurologist who's leading the Parkinson's app study called mPower.

"Participating in clinical studies is often a burden," he explained. "You have to live near where the study's being conducted. You have to be able to take time off work and go in for frequent assessments."

Smartphones also offer the ability to collect precise readings, Dorsey added. One test in the Parkinson's study measures the speed at which participants tap their fingers in a particular sequence on the iPhone's touchscreen. Dorsey said that's more objective than a process still used in clinics, where doctors watch patients tap their fingers and assign them a numerical score.

Some apps rely on participants to provide data. Elizabeth Ortiz, a 48-year-old New York nurse with asthma, measures her lung power each day by breathing into an inexpensive plastic device. □

Apple Watch will be sold at some Best Buy stores



In this April 10, 2015 file photo, a customer handles an Apple Watch at an Apple store in Sydney. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Apple Watch is heading to some Best Buy stores ahead of the holiday shop-

ping season. Best Buy Co. says it will sell the Apple Watch at 100 of its stores and on its web-

site on August 7. Another 200 Best Buy stores will offer the smartwatch before the end of the year. Best Buy, which has more than 1,000 stores in the U.S., says it's the first national retailer to sell the watch outside of Apple Inc.'s stores.

The retailer, based in Richfield, Minnesota, will offer models of the smartwatch that cost between \$349.99 and \$699.99.

Apple unveiled the watch in September and began taking orders in April. The Cupertino, California, company hasn't released any sale figures for the new device. □

Summer doldrums, plunge in Chinese shares help send global markets lower

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst drop in China's stock market in eight years helped drag down other markets around the world Monday.

The tough day follows declines in U.S. markets last week, when the three major indexes fell more than 2 percent as a number of big companies reported disappointing earnings.

Faced with a drop in stock prices in Asia, Europe and the U.S., investors moved into traditional safe havens. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell to 2.22 percent from 2.26 percent on Friday. The price of gold rose 1 percent.

Dividend-heavy stocks, like utilities, also gained. Investors favor high-dividend companies during times of volatility because they provide a reliable income stream.

"There remain very few buyers out there and there are some growing con-

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 12.01 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,067.64 and the Nasdaq composite lost 48.85 points, or 1 percent, to 5,039.78.

It was the fifth straight loss for the U.S. market. The S&P 500 is still up about half a percent for the year. The Dow is down 2 percent and the tech-heavy Nasdaq is up 6 percent.

The worries for investors this week started with an 8.5 percentage point plunge on the Shanghai market, the biggest one-day decline since February 2007. It was the latest big drop in the Chinese stock market, which has slumped since early June.

Some analysts said Monday's dive was set off by brokerages restricting credit used to finance stock purchases, also known as margin trading. Chinese authorities took aggressive steps to stabilize the market after it tumbled last month.

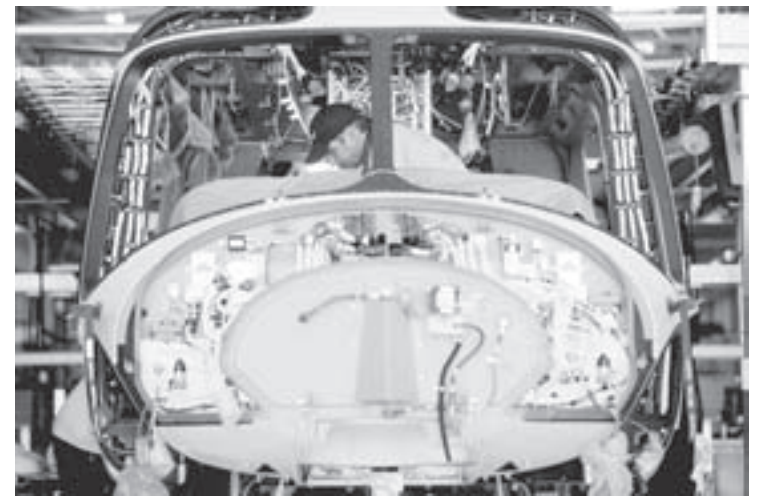
"The continuous check on margin trading by security

of the Chinese stock market has been one of the bigger topics of conversation for investors this summer.

By the time China's Shanghai benchmark index peaked in early June, it was up 150 percent in the last year. The gains were originally driven by commentary in state media that called the stock market undervalued. That led investors to believe the government would ensure that stock prices gained.

When the Chinese stock market started falling, many investors felt the decline would bring a much-needed correction to that country's stock market bubble. But many small Chinese investors jumped into the market near its peak and are now sitting on significant losses.

There are now concerns the 30 percent decline in the stock market is starting to do damage to China's economy. A closely watched Chinese purchasing manager's index



A worker helps to assemble a helicopter at AgustaWestland's aircraft manufacturing facility in Philadelphia. Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods posted a sizable gain in June, the Commerce Department reported Monday, July 27, 2015, while business investment rebounded after two months of declines.
(AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

Orders for US durable goods jump up 3.4 percent in June

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods posted a sizable gain in June, but the advance was fueled by higher demand for commercial aircraft. Outside of this volatile category, a key category that represents business investment rose by a far more modest amount. Orders for durable goods jumped 3.4 percent in June from May, when orders had fallen 2.1 percent, the Commerce Department reported Monday. The gain was the best result since March. However, the jump was driven by aircraft orders booked by Boeing at the Paris air show.

A category viewed as a proxy for business investment plans rose a slower 0.9 percent. While this was the strongest showing since March, it followed two months of declines. Through the first six months of this year, demand in the investment category is running 3.4 percent below the same period a year ago.

This category has been weak for months and has dragged activity in the overall manufacturing sector. Total orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, are running 2 percent lower through the first half of this year compared to the first six months of 2014.

U.S. manufacturers have struggled this year from the effects of a strong dol-

lar and a plunge in energy prices. The higher value of the dollar against foreign currencies makes U.S. goods more expensive and less competitive in major export markets, while the lower oil prices have led energy companies to scale back investment plans.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, described the June results as a "glimmer of hope" that may point to "stronger business investment as the second half begins."

Some economists believe a modest rebound in manufacturing will emerge as strong employment gains help lift consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. But other analysts are concerned that problems weighing on the global economy, such as the Greek debt crisis and a big drop in the Chinese stock market, will keep a lid on export sales. "There is enough growth in the U.S. economy to suggest that manufacturing output gains will be positive for the balance of 2015 and into 2016, but factory sector performance will likely be sluggish and volatile," said Cliff Waldman, director of economic studies for the MAPI Foundation, a manufacturing research group.

The overall economy stalled in the January-March quarter, with the gross domestic product shrinking at an annual rate of 0.2 percent.□



Trader Christopher Lotito works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The worst drop in China's stock market in eight years helped drag down other markets around the world Monday.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

cerns that we're looking at a slowdown in global economic growth," said Sean Lynch, co-head of global equity strategy with the Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 127.94 points, or 0.7 percent, to 17,440.59.

companies has triggered today's sell-off," said Xu Xiaoyu, a market strategist at China Investment Securities. "In addition, the recent economic data shows it still takes time for the economy to recover from its sluggishness."

The precipitous rise and fall

fell to a 15-month low over the weekend, with analysts blaming the drop partly on the market.

"Rightly or wrongly, people are concerned about a global economic slowdown," said James Liu, a global market strategist with JPMorgan Funds.□



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Israel's Teva buys Allergan generic drug company for \$40.5B

DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. said Monday it is purchasing Dublin-based Allergan PLC's generic pharmaceuticals business for \$40.5 billion, in what Israeli analysts called the largest-ever acquisition by an Israeli company. Statements from both companies say the deal will see Allergan receive \$33.75 billion in cash and shares of Teva valued Monday at \$6.75 billion. In light of the acquisition, Teva said it was withdrawing its \$40 billion-plus takeover offer for pharmaceuticals company Mylan N.V.

Word of the acquisition saw Teva shares shoot up 13 percent in pre-opening trading on the Nasdaq. Trading in Teva shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange halted over the news of the sale.

The Israeli pharmaceutical giant is the world's largest generic drugmaker. It said in a statement that the acquisition would provide patients with more access to affordable medicines.

"Through our acquisition of



Trucks run past the Teva Pharmaceutical Logistic Center in the town of Shoam, Israel. Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. said Monday it is purchasing Dublin-based Allergan PLC's generic pharmaceuticals business for \$40.5 billion, in what Israeli analysts called the largest-ever acquisition by an Israeli company.

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Allergan Generics, we will establish a strong foundation for long-term, sustainable growth, anchored by leading generics capabilities and a world-class late-stage pipeline that will accelerate our ability to build an exceptional portfolio of products - both in generics and specialty as well as the

intersection of the two," Erez Vigodman, president and CEO of Teva, said in a statement.

Brent Saunders, CEO and president of Allergan, said in a statement the sale would help his company enhance its "global-branded pharmaceutical business and strengthen our fi-

nancial position."

Teva's leadership has been saying for months that it believes some of the biggest generic drug companies should combine in order to save money and become more efficient.

A big deal like this would allow the drugmaker to improve its profitability

by cutting jobs and other overlapping costs from the combined businesses. It also would increase its leverage in negotiating drug prices with insurers and other payers, an ever-important piece of leverage in key markets like the United States, where insurers, employers and other payers are pushing to hold down rising costs that have outpaced inflation for years. Generic drugs are less expensive than name-brand drugs, but the prices of some generics have soared due to a lack of competition or shortages brought on by manufacturing problems.

Teva's deal comes as other key health care players also make plans to muscle up their negotiating leverage through acquisitions. U.S. hospital systems are buying doctor practices and consolidating.

The second-largest U.S. health insurer, the Blue Cross-Blue Shield carrier Anthem Inc., is buying rival Cigna for \$48 billion in a deal that would make it the nation's biggest insurer by enrollment. □

Burger King's sales get another boost from Chicken Fries

NEW YORK (AP) — Burger King got a boost from the return of its "Chicken Fries." Parent company Restaurant Brands International Inc. said Monday sales rose 7.9 percent at Burger King locations in the U.S. and Canada during the second quarter. The company attributed the increase to factors including the popularity of its "two for \$5" deal, ongoing restaurant renovations and the return of its Chicken Fries.

McDonald's last week said

sales fell 2 percent in the U.S. as promotions failed to meet expectations.

After taking Chicken Fries off the menu in 2012, Burger King had said last year it was bringing back the long, deep-fried piece of chicken as a limited-time offer in response to customer demands. The campaign was so successful the company brought them back this year.

Restaurant Brands CEO Daniel Schwartz said Chicken Fries are profitable as

well because they have a high gross margin and restaurants sell a lot of them. They are positioned as a snack or meal and cost around \$3.

Schwartz declined to say whether customer traffic played a role in driving up sales, or if the increase in sales was driven entirely by people spending more per visit.

The company also cited the appearance of its "King" mascot at sporting events like the Belmont Stakes as

an example of its improved marketing.

On a global basis, Burger King's sales rose 6.7 percent at established locations during the quarter. The figure rose 5.5 percent at Tim Hortons, which it also owns.

The company, based in Oakville, Ontario, opened an additional 141 Burger King locations around the world as well as another 52 Tim Hortons.

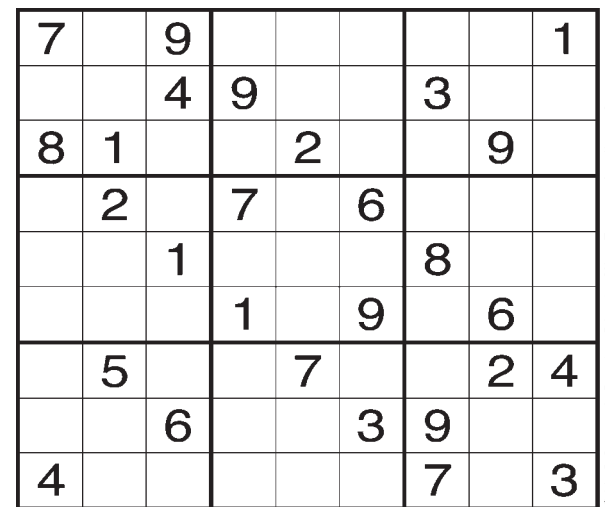
Restaurant Brands International earned \$9.6 million,

or 5 cents per share. That was down from \$75.1 million, or 21 cents per share, in the year-ago period. The decline was attributable largely to preferred share dividends.

Not including one-time items, the company earned 30 cents per share. That was above the 24 cents per share analysts expected, according to FactSet.

Total revenue rose to \$1.04 billion, also topping the \$1.02 billion Wall Street expected. □

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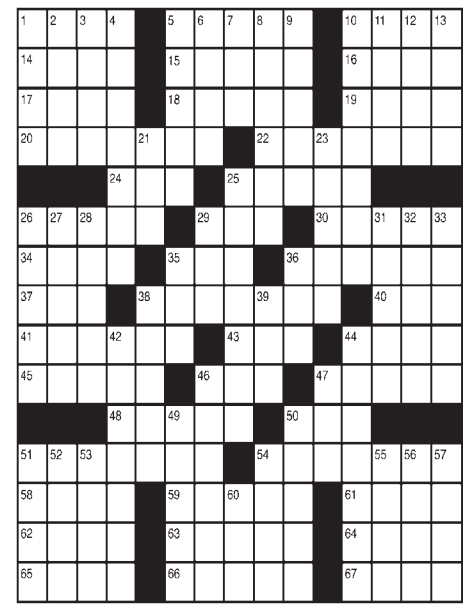
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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5 Waterbirds
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17 Apple's center
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19 Illegal way to
make money
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frighteningly
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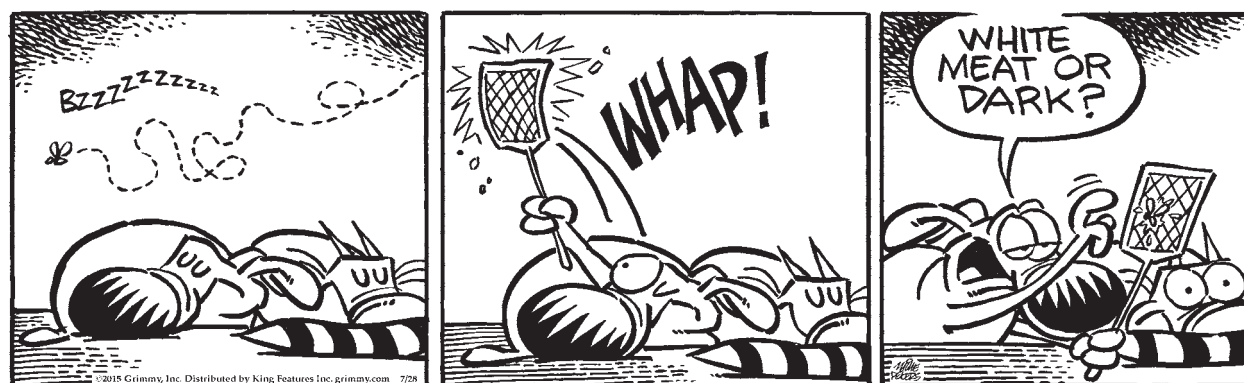
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- 4 Outstanding
- 5 Use a broom
- 6 Beaver's dad
- 7 In the past
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- 9 Derisive smile
- 10 Deny oneself
- 11 Scotland's ___ Ness monster
- 12 Hockey score
- 13 Military force
- 21 Journal
- 23 Carrying a gun
- 25 Roadblock
- 26 Sentry
- 27 Theater employee
- 28 Rent long-term
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- 31 Leg bone
- 32 Vote into office
- 33 Has overused the perfume

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Colombia looks for scores of disappeared in landfill

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At a ceremony Monday to remember the missing and kick off the search effort, officials joined more than 100 women who dressed in white and carried black, plastic silhouettes to represent their loved ones. After years of silence on the part of the government and much of society, supporters of the families welcomed the start of the work.

"This is the site of one of the most atrocious episodes that weigh down our history and is a stain on our national identity before the entire world," Javier Giraldo, a Roman Catholic priest and human rights activist, said following a Mass to honor the victims. Human rights activists say La Escombrera could prove to be the largest mass grave ever found in Colombia and the dig represents a glimmer of hope that justice will be realized. But the search will be complicated. Despite more than a decade-long clamor by victims' families that the landfill be closed and excavated, giant trucks have continued to dump construction waste daily. "If that light doesn't shine for me, I hope it does for one of my companions," Restrepo said while holding up a placard with her daughter's photo and disappearance date, the eye-catching symbol used by the group Mothers Walking for the Truth to draw attention to their fight.

The missing are a lasting reminder of one of the darkest chapters of Colombia's half-century-old rebel conflict. The rightist paramilitary groups demobilized a decade ago, and the government now is negotiating a peace deal with the biggest rebel movement. With the five-decade conflict winding down, officials have been fanning out across the country to exhume hundreds of bodies, attempt to identify them through DNA testing and return the remains to family members.

But most of the unmarked graves are located in lawless rural areas, not Medellin, which is Colombia's second-largest city. Restrepo's disappearance took place at a time and place where being young like her was almost tantamount to a death sentence.

Shortly after taking office in 2002, then President Alvaro Uribe launched Operation Orion to repel leftist rebels from a densely populated hillside slum in the poor and violent Comuna 13 district. The offensive lionized Uribe's reputation among Colombians as a crime-fighting conservative whose tough talk was backed by action.

But almost as soon as the military retrenched, the void was filled by far-right militia fighters in ski masks and wielding heavy weapons. Allegations of killings of civilians and disappearances multiplied. Many

of the paramilitary crimes were carried out in an alliance with U.S.-trained security forces.

Former militia fighters, including Diego Fernando Murillo, the jailed warlord known by the alias Don Berna who once terrorized much of Medellin, have testified they dumped their victims in La Escombrera.

Investigators say it is unclear how many, if any, bodies can be recovered. Too much time has passed and the 8-meter-high (9-yard-high) mountain of debris likely has crushed many of the remains.

But they say their biggest obstacle is providing for the safety of the forensic experts carrying out the painstaking work. While violence in Medellin's slums has fallen sharply over the past decade, with the city last year reporting its lowest homicide rate since the height of drug boss Pablo Escobar's power in the mid-1980s, the five-month excavation is taking place in an area where criminal gangs still lurk, many of whose members are implicated in the very crimes being investigated. Mistrust of the police, who are providing around-the-clock protection, still runs high. Still, the experts will try to help close a wound not just for the victims of Comuna 13 but to make a symbolic gesture for millions of Colombians touched by violence and abandoned by the state.

They have cordoned off and will focus their search in three sections of the landfill where bodies are believed to have been dumped. A makeshift camp is being built for loved ones who want to stay abreast of the investigators' progress. There is also a mausoleum planned and an exhibit in a Medellin's Museum of Memory, a new space for reflection and study of Colombia's violent past.

Caterina Heyck, who is spearheading the project for Colombia's chief prosecutor, said that until recently, authorities only dreamed of undertaking such a costly and logisti-

cally challenging project. She credits the victims for spurring others into action, first by staging symbolic protests at the landfill in 2006 and more recently by demanding that military leaders behind Operation Orion face punishment at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. □

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Worldwide strengthening El Nino giveth and taketh away

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In California, they're counting on it to end an historic drought; in Peru, they've already declared a preemptive emergency to prepare for devastating flooding. It's both an economic stimulus and a recession-maker. And it's likely to increase the price of coffee, chocolate and sugar.

It's El Nino — most likely, the largest in well over a decade, forecasters say. A lot more than mere weather, it affects lives and pocketbooks in different ways in different places.

Every few years, the winds shift and the water in the Pacific Ocean gets warmer than usual. That water sloshes back and forth around the equator in the Pacific, interacts with the winds above and then changes weather worldwide. This is El Nino. Droughts are triggered in places like Australia and India, but elsewhere, droughts are quenched and floods replace them. The Pacific gets more hurricanes; the Atlantic fewer. Winter gets milder and wetter in much of the United States. The world warms, goosing Earth's already rising thermometer from man-made climate change.

Peruvian sailors named the formation El Nino — the

(Christ) Child — because it was most noticeable around Christmas. An El Nino means the Pacific Ocean off Peru's coast is warm, especially a huge patch 330 feet (100 meters) below the surface,



In this Wednesday, March 25, 1998 file photo, Enrique Lagunas digs a trench to redirect water toward a street in Laguna Beach, Calif. after heavy rains from an El Nino storm hit Southern California.

and as it gets warmer and close to the surface, the weather "is just going to be a river falling from the sky," said biophysicist Michael Ferrari, director of climate services for agriculture at the Colorado firm aWhere Inc.

Around the world, crops fail in some places, thrive elsewhere. Commercial fishing shifts. More people die of flooding, fewer from freezing. Americans spend less on winter heating. The global economy shifts.

"El Nino is not the end of the world so you don't

have to hide under the bed. The reality is that in the U.S. an El Nino can be a good thing," said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction

Center.

This El Nino officially started in March and keeps getting stronger. If current trends continue, it should officially be termed a strong El Nino early in August, peak sometime near the end of year and peter out sometime next spring. Meteorologists say it looks like the biggest such event since the fierce El Nino of 1997-1998.

California mudslides notwithstanding, the U.S. economy benefited by nearly \$22 billion from that El Nino, according to a 1999 study. That study found that 189 people were killed in the U.S, mainly from tornadoes linked to El Nino, but an estimated 850 lives were saved due to a milder winter.

A United Nations-backed study said that El Nino cost Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela nearly \$11 billion. Flooding

in Peru destroyed bridges, homes, hospitals and crops and left 354 dead and 112 missing, according to the Pan-American Health Organization. The mining industry in Peru and Chile was hammered as flood-

ing hindered exports.

Though this year's El Nino is likely to be weaker than the 1997-1998 version, the economic impact may be greater because the world's interconnected economy has changed with more vulnerable supply chains, said risk and climate expert Ferrari.

Economic winners include the U.S., China, Mexico and Europe while India, Australia and Peru are among El Nino's biggest losers.

On average, a healthy El Nino can boost the U.S. economy by about 0.55 percent of Gross Domestic Product, which would translate more than \$90 billion this year, an International Monetary Fund study calculated this spring. But it could also slice an entire percentage point off Indonesia's GDP.

Indonesia gets hit particularly hard because an expected El Nino drought af-

fects the country's mining, power, cocoa, and coffee industries, said IMF study co-author Kamiar Mohaddes, an economist at the University of Cambridge in London.

The expected El Nino drought in parts of Australia has started and may trim as much as 1 percent off of the country's GDP, said Andrew Watkins, supervisor of climate prediction services at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

Tony Barnston, lead El Nino forecaster at the International Research Institute for Climate and Society at Columbia University, cautioned that while El Nino has predictable effects and this one is strong, what happens next is not exactly certain.

But Peruvians are worried. Abraham Levy, director of Ambiental Andina, which advises businesses on meteorology- and hydrology-related issues, believes this El Nino could lead Peru into recession. Important export crops such as mangos and asparagus that grow in coastal valleys are already being adversely affected by the unseasonably high temperatures, said Levy.

"The export mango crop has not yet flowered," he said. "And if we don't have flowers we don't have fruit."

And then there's the flooding. Peru declared a preemptive state of emergency this month for 14 of its 25 states, appropriating some \$70 million to prepare. Hilopito Cruchaga, the civil defense director in Peru's northern region of Piura, said authorities are clearing river beds of debris, reinforcing river banks with rock and fortifying reservoir walls. Sandbags and rocks are also being piled on some river banks. □



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With a new 'Vacation,' a look at laughable comedy remakes

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NEW YORK (AP) — The modern comedy remake is among the most laughable of movie genres.

In Hollywood's reboot frenzy, the movie industry has increasingly turned to reviving classic comedies, only to find that few things are harder to rekindle than the elusive elements — Bill Murray's timing, John Belushi's eyebrows — that make up a great comedy. The distance between original and remake is usually as vast as it is between "Caddyshack" and "Caddyshack II."

The latest attempt is "Vacation," a new try at the classic National Lampoon series that first emanated from John Hughes' short story "Vacation '58" and was launched with the 1983 Chevy Chase original. Chase makes a cameo in the latest "Vacation," but he has ceded the driver's seat to his son, Rusty Griswold (Ed Helms).

In some quarters, the movie has not been anticipated warmly. In a column for the Hollywood Reporter, former National Lampoon editor P.J. O'Rourke judged the film from its trailer "post-humorous" and "a summer cineplex dump-fill featuring the 'Hangover' wimp dentist as leading man."

Whether screwball or satire, comedy only works when it feels bracingly alive. Most



In this image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment, Christina Applegate, standing from left, Ed Helms, Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, and Skyleer Gisondo, kneeling left, and Steele Stebbins appear in a scene from "Vacation." In Hollywood's reboot frenzy, the movie industry has increasingly turned to reviving classic comedies.

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remakes, though, tend to feel like they've been brought back from the dead, only with all the really good jokes left back in the cemetery.

Hollywood is devoted to getting it right, though. The biggest test will come next July when Paul Feig releases his big-budget "Ghostbusters." Feig, at least, has had the good sense to try an entirely different track, recasting the leads as female, including Melissa McCarthy and Kirsten Wiig.

But there are many others in various stages of quixotic development, including

remakes of "Meatballs," "Fletch," "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" and "Police Academy."

With that in mind, here are a few lessons to draw from an often dubious tradition.

JUST STAY AWAY

More often than not, the best advice is just put down the script and walk away. Such was the case for Shawn Levy's "The Pink Panther," which somehow managed to earn a 2009 sequel. Steve Martin is a tremendous performer, but no one should be attempting to follow in the clumsy

footsteps of Peter Sellers' Inspector Clouseau. (Martin has been a curiously frequent remake star, including two "Father of the Bride" films and the somewhat better "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," which came from the Marlon Brando, David Niven 1964 original.)

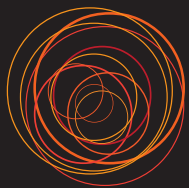
EVEN THE COENS CAN'T DO IT

It's a testament to the difficulty of the task if even Joel and Ethan Coen whiff it. The comedies produced by London's Ealing Studios in the 1940s and '50s are comedy royalty that few would have the courage to

tackle. But the Coens tried it with "The Ladykillers" in 2004, attempting a broader comedy that traded Tom Hanks and Mississippi for Alec Guinness and London. It's among the Coens weaker films, though they can argue that they fell into directing it. They were first signed up just to write the script, but took over directing for Barry Sonnenfeld when he dropped out. Worth noting, though, is that by staying true to the Charles Portis novel, the Coens did give us easily the best "True Grit."

RUSSELL BRAND IS NOT DUDLEY MOORE

And Adam Sandler isn't Burt Reynolds. Brand and Sandler both have their particular talents, but neither were well suited heirs to their remakes of "Arthur" — the 2011 version of Moore's 1981 film — and "The Longest Yard," which had Sandler sliding in for Reynolds in the 2005 prison football comedy. Both originals, like many comedies, drew considerably from the distinct personas of their stars, making for an out of whack chemistry in the remakes. Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick had an even higher bar to meet in taking over for Mel Brooks and Zero Mostel in the 2005 film "The Producers." If only someone had thought to try it as a Broadway musical instead. □




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Medical Examiner: Autopsy planned for Bobbi Kristina Brown

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ATLANTA (AP) — An autopsy will be needed to evaluate what led to the death of Bobbi Kristina Brown, daughter of singer Whitney Houston, authorities said Monday, the day after her death.

In a statement Monday morning, the Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office says the time that elapsed from when she was found unresponsive in January until her death Sunday will "complicate" its effort to reconstruct events.

"Interpretation of autopsy findings and other information will also be challenging," the medical examiner's office said in the statement. "However, an autopsy could be helpful to address questions which may arise about the cause of her unresponsiveness and eventual death."

Bobbi Kristina died Sunday at Peachtree Christian Hospice in Duluth, Georgia, about six months after she



In this Feb. 12, 2011, file photo, singer Whitney Houston, left, and daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown arrive at an event in Beverly Hills, Calif. **Associated Press**

was found Jan. 31, face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub in her suburban Atlanta townhome. She was 22.

A police report described it as a drowning.

Bobbi Kristina was the only

child of Houston and R&B singer Bobby Brown.

"Bobbi Kristina Brown passed away July 26 2015, surrounded by her family. She is finally at peace in the arms of God. We want to again thank everyone for

their tremendous amount of love and support during these last few months," Kristen Foster, a representative for the Houston family said Sunday.

She had been hospitalized for months in Atlanta — eventually being placed in hospice care — after being found in a manner grimly similar to the way her megastar mother died three years earlier.

Nick Gordon, who shared her townhome with her, said at the time it seemed Bobbi Kristina wasn't breathing and lacked a pulse before help arrived.

"The Roswell Police Department continues its investigation into the circumstances preceding and surrounding the time of the original incident leading to her death," the medical examiner said in Monday morning's statement.

The medical examiner did not release a timeframe for the autopsy, but said additional lab testing might take several weeks.

Born and raised in the shadow of fame and litigation, shattered by the loss of her mother, Bobbi Kristina was overwhelmed by the achievements and demons of others before she could begin to figure out who she was.

Bobbi Kristina — the sole heir of her mother's estate — did have dreams.

She identified herself on Twitter as "Daughter of Queen WH," "Entertainer/ Actress" with William Morris & Co., and "LAST of a dying breed." She told Oprah Winfrey shortly after her mother's death in 2012 that she wanted to carry on her mother's legacy by singing, acting and dancing. But her career never took off. She became a social media sensation, sending more than 11,000 tweets and attracting 164,000 followers.

As the news of her death spread across social media, several celebrities tweeted their condolences.

Grammy-winning performer Missy Elliot tweeted, "My heart is truly heavy. May u rest in peace with your mommy #BobbiKristina sending prayers 2 the Brown/Houston family."

"Empire" star Taraji P. Henson tweeted, "Rest in heaven."

"RIP #BobbiKristina My deepest sympathies 2 your father #BobbyBrown n your GrandMa #CissyHouston We will miss ya 4sho darling ;) Actress Vivica A. Fox said on Twitter.

And Winfrey tweeted, "Peace at Last!"

Whitney Houston, known as "America's Sweetheart," was an impossible act to follow.

The late singer sold more than 50 million records in the United States alone during her career. Her voice, an ideal blend of power, grace and beauty, made classics out of songs like "Saving All My Love For You," "I Will Always Love You" and "The Greatest Love of All." She earned six Grammys and starred in the films "The Bodyguard" and "The Preacher's Wife." Bobby Brown, who had a bad-boy image, also became a huge star, selling platinum records with New Edition and going solo before drugs and legal woes derailed his career.

Bobbi Kristina appeared alongside both parents in 2005 on the Bravo reality show "Being Bobby Brown," which captured her parents fighting, swearing and appearing in court. □

Madonna: It's just the beginning for streaming service Tidal

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NEW YORK (AP) — Madonna, who co-owns Tidal with Jay Z, Beyonce and others, says it's just the beginning for the streaming service that's had some troubles since its launch in March.

"It's just the beginning, so we're working out a lot of kinks and hopefully we're going to build something unique and amazing that's going to attract a lot of people," the 56-year-old singer said in a recent interview. Tidal, which offers a basic subscription for \$10 and a high-quality audio one for \$20, hasn't made a splash like its announcement did a few months ago, when Rihanna, Kanye West, Daft Punk, Nicki Minaj, Jack White and others stood onstage in solidarity along with Madonna, Beyonce and Jay Z.

Since then, Tidal announced a family plan and discount for students.



In this Feb. 8, 2015, file photo, Madonna performs at the 57th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. **Associated Press**

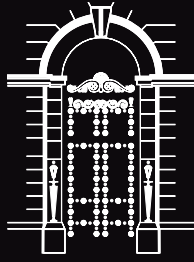
The company also lost its interim CEO last month.

"It's important that people understand we didn't create Tidal, we didn't put this together, we didn't all join forces because we're broke and we want more money. The idea is we want to support other artists and we want people to understand this is our heart, this is our work, and we want people to recognize that and we want other

artists to have a chance," Madonna said.

"We live in a society now where everybody just expects everything to be for free, but you don't get a house for free; you have to pay somebody to build it," she added.

Other artist-owners of Tidal include Arcade Fire, Alicia Keys, Usher, Chris Martin, Calvin Harris, deadmau5, Jason Aldean and J. Cole. □



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